

The Voice

Algona High School

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Senior of the week!

Cane Arrowood

This is a new addition to the *Voice*. With a few weeks left of school, we will be showing off a new senior each week. This week the senior is Kari Simpson.

Kari Simpson was born on January 14, 1993. She grew up in Burt, Iowa. She spent most of her childhood swimming at the Burt pool. Throughout high school Kari has been a part of football, HOSA, and Y pal. Each activity makes her a stronger person.

After high school Kari plans to attend South Dakota State University. She plans to study nursing

in hopes to work as an oncology or pediatric nurse. Kari wants to do this because she really likes children since she gets along with them well. She has also been around a lot of cancer patients and she likes to help them.

Kari's most fond memory of high school is her last football game. The final football game was something she will miss. Kari will miss all of her friends when she goes off to school. Kari's final words to AHS would be, "You'll never match us!"

One down, time to plan another one

Clarissa Laubenthal

The year is almost over, and it's time to register for classes for next year. Mrs. Stine held informational meetings last week: juniors met Wednesday, March 30, 2011, sophomores met Thursday, March 31, 2011, and freshmen had theirs Friday, April 1, 2011.

Remember that depending what electives you pick, it might fill up fast, so always have a backup class you would like.

Also keep in mind that you are choosing for your future. Make the best choice for you. Don't just take a class because your friends are in that class.

Keep in mind the main credits you need: eight credits of English and social studies, and six credits of math and science. Your parents needed to sign the registration sheet and it was due, today, Friday, April 8, 2011.

Inflammation of senioritis!

Connor Barber

Senioritis is a term used to describe the decreased motivation towards studies displayed by students who are nearing the end of their high school career. Symptoms include: procrastination, lack of motivation, drop in academic performance, and coasting. Senior, Brittany Vaske says, "Senioritis is definitely kicking in."

The senior class of 2011 is nearing the end of their high school career. On Monday, May 16th, seniors have their odd period tests and Tuesday, the 17th, is

even period class tests. The last day of school for seniors is May 18th, which is a little over a month away. The morning of the 18th is the senior breakfast, awarding of scholarships, and graduation rehearsal.

As the month turns to weeks and then to days, motivation to do work will continue to drop. The end is in sight and most everyone is itching for it to be over. Do what you can do now, so senioritis doesn't consume you!



Island Paradise

Rachel Weiland

The prom theme this year is Island Paradise. This year's Grand March is going to be different from past years. There will be five places where the couples will stop to have pictures taken and more than one couple will be on the stage at once. After finishing the Grand March, couples will be seated in the gym to finish watching their peers. The backgrounds for each stop have been painted by Katlyn Loesch and Shelby Wagner.

The schedule for Saturday, April 9th, is pictures anywhere from the morning to when you eat supper. Socializing from 7-8 pm. Grand March at 8:00 pm. Grand March will be \$2.00 per person coming to watch. The dance starts as soon as the Grand March is over and ends at midnight. Nick Bitz will be the DJ. After the dance, everyone has 45 minutes to go home and get into more comfortable clothes. At 12:45 am, when everyone has returned, after prom activities will begin.

After prom will end at 4:30 am.

The games for after prom are baby rattle, bobblehead, bottoms up, face in the oreo, junk in the trunk, movin' on up, nervous nelly, nose dive, penny hose, rapid fire, seperation anxiety, stack attack, sticky balls, this blows, back flip, a bit dicey, fish head, go the distance, noodling around, on the rebound, pink elephant, suck it up, defying gravity, don't blow the joker, johnny applestack, ka broom, the nutstacker, off the hook, ping tac toe, speed eraser, what a racquet, caddy shack, double trouble, nimble thimble, and spoon frog.

Some prizes include \$180 car detail certificate, \$100 jean certificate, Sonicare toothbrush, and a photo collage. There are many other prizes available.

So come tomorrow night for some Island Paradise.



Tight cash

Carly Sansone

Saving money is probably the most important thing to do before students leave for college. Seniors and other students, who are graduating in May and attending college in the fall, should start saving money now if they haven't already. It's important because college, living, and eating can be really expensive.

Take advantage when eating at college. Some schools provide a meal plan for a low price and dinner dollars that you could use. Also, buy snacks and meals that aren't expensive. Foods, such as peanut butter, taste the same, like Jif and Skippy, so it would be wise to go with the cheaper of the two or the even better choice would be the off brand. Also, make a meal plan for the week to

help you know how much money you can spend and save.

When deciding where to live next year, make sure there are nearby food places and activities you enjoy. If you live close by a gym or grocery store, then you could just walk to save gas money.

College isn't cheap. The cost of books alone for your classes can take a bite out of your wallet. Scholarship and FAFSA money is a nice help towards college, but saving money before you leave is a bonus. Connor Barber states, "I'm going to detassel and save my money." So save now and be thankful later.



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The worst championship game?

John Krause

Some people claim that this year's NCAA men basketball championship game was the worst championship game they have ever watched. These teams didn't have an easy road to the championship game though.

Butler was an 8 seed and they played a red hot VCU team in the final four game. Butler is led by Shelvin Mack and Matt Howard. Butler had experience on their side, being in the championship game last year.

On the other side there was Connecticut, who was a 3 seed. They played a very young Kentucky team in the final four. They are

coached by Hall of Famer Jim Calhoun. They are led by junior, Kemba Walker, and freshman, Jermey Lamb.

Connecticut won this game, 53-41. Some people filled out brackets for money. When asked about the game, all Blair Bradley could say was, "Aument pay up!"

Butler led going into the half, 22-19. Butler shot the worst percentage in a title game, going 12-for-64. That is 18.8 percent. On the other side, Jim Calhoun got his 3rd title. He is an amazing 3-0 in the title game. He became the oldest coach to win the NCAA championship, doing it at age 68.

Run like the wind

John Etler

Outdoor track season began this week and it started out well. The boys' team traveled to Eagle Grove on Tuesday, April 5th, and Humboldt on Friday, April 8th. The Early Bird meet at home was canceled due to weather.

In their contest on Tuesday, the team won the Umstead Relays totaling 110 points at the end of the meet. Forest City came in second with 94 points. During the meet, the Distance Medley team posted the 5th fastest time in the state to all but

lock up a spot in the Drake Relays. The 4x800 meter relay team also posted a time that will hopefully get them down to the blue track early in the season. Some other winning events include Michael McMahon in the 800 and the 4x100 meter relay team of Branden Garrett, Cane Arrowood, Derek Person, and Michael Erpelding. Cane Arrowood said, "We ran wicked fast!"

Next week the team travels to Clarion-Goldfield on Tuesday and Esterville-Lincoln Central on Friday.

Wining big again this year!!!

Mackenzie Siefken

The girls' track team had their first meet on Tuesday, April 5th, in Clear Lake for the Lions Relays. The meet started at 5 but the field events started at 4:30 and the girls were very excited to finally get out and compete.

For field events, the high jump was taken over by Jade Simpson who won with the height of 5 feet, Connor Barber took 5th with the height of 4'6". Mackenzie Siefken took second in both the shot put and discus.

First place events went to the following relays: the 4 X 800, 4 x 100, and 4 x 400 meter relays. The 4 x 800 consisted of Tangy Wiseman, Sarah Bierle, Allana Lauck, and Paige Yi. The open 400 meter dash was taken by Paige Yi, along with the open 800 was won by freshman Tangy Wiseman. To finish off the night, the 4 x 100 meter relay, which was ran by

Brandee Hockett, Courtney Groen, Ali Grein, and Chyan Metzger, took first and the 4 x 400 meter relay, ran by Katlyn Loeschen, Tangy Wiseman, Jade Simpson, and Paige Yi, took first as well.

By the end of the night, the girls won the meet with an overall score of 155 team points and were 40 points ahead of the second place team, which was the Humboldt Wildcats.

Next week the girls have two track meets, the two meets will both be at the high school. Connor Barber says, "It's a great time of the year to have nice weather for track meets. It's good to finally do something other than practice." Connor Barber is a senior track member who participates in high jump, 400's, and 400 hurdles.

Geared up!

Brittany Vaske

The boys' and girls' golf teams continue to work on their swings during their practices the last couple of weeks. They have not currently had any meets.

The boys will open their season on April 12, when they travel to Clarion-Goldfield. The girls will host their meet that same day with Clarion-Goldfield traveling to the River Road Golf Course.

Senior girls leading

the team, who's theme is "We put the edge in the wedge," include Abby Foertsch, Melinda Schultze, Rachel Hoskins, Maren Renland, AnnaLise Manske, and Ally Klepper. Chris Arend, Blair Bradley, and Ben Schmidt hope to lead the underclassmen to golf victories this 2011 season. Blair Bradley says, "I am geared up to compete!"

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Limitless

Katie Green

Eddie Morra is a writer living in New York City. After recently missing the deadline for his new book and being dumped by his girlfriend, he feels like his life is going down the toilet. When Eddie meets up with his ex-wife's brother, Vernon Gant, his life starts to change. Vernon deals drugs and offers Eddie a fantastic new pill called NZT-48.

The pill enhances your brain to make you think clear and organize your thoughts better. He decided to quit his writing lifestyle join the stock market. He instantly becomes a multi millionaire and partners with Carl Van Loon. Life seems to be going well for Eddie, until the side effects of the powerful drug kick in. Eddie begins to feel physically and mentally restless and starts to experience memory lapses, where he doesn't remember anything he does for hours on end.

Eventually, the drug gets the best of Eddie and he crashes. One year later, Eddie's book is published. He runs for the Senate and considers running for President in 2020. Carl, his former boss, comes to Eddie asking to become business partners. He offers Eddie an unlimited supply of the miracle drug. Eddie refuses,

explaining that his body no longer needs the drug because he created a one-time permanent dose that has no side effects.

Overall, the movie was exciting and full of twists and turns. The movie is an hour and forty-five minutes long and was rated a 7.4 out of 10.



Left: The Special Olympians and their partner/peer coaches stop for a picture during the Mid-Winter Games. Back row: Amy Kaiser & Byron Larson; Middle row: Brett Eden & Josie McMahon; Front row: Macie Foster, Maddie Jennings, and Rachel Hoskins

Special Olympians go for the gold

Kari Simpson

Last month, on the 18th, several AHS students traveled to Iowa City for the Special Olympics Mid-Winter Games.

A new event for this year was Unified Cheerleading.

Josie McMahon, accompanied by Rachel Hoskins, took first place. Going along to help were Peer Coaches Maddie Jennings and Macie Foster.

Rachel Hoskins, the partner of Josie, said, "It was a fun experience and very rewarding."

In basketball skills, Byron Larson took third place and Amy Kaiser took first place. Brett Eden captured first place gold with his performance in Developmental Dribble.

The next events for the athletes will be District Track and Field on April 14th in Forest City, and State Track and Field in Ames on May 27th. Best of luck to Josie, Byron, Amy and Brett.

Egg Lady

Janelle Wittneberg

On March 29th, the "Egg Lady" came and spoke to the food and nutrition classes. Jennifer Loudermilk fed the class with information about eggs that most people wouldn't have known about. She travels all over to perform presentations and give information about eggs.

Jennifer also made recipes the students never thought eggs would make. One of the recipes she made

was an omlette with a twist to it. There was egg for the bottom layer with taco meat mixed in with it. After the meat was cooked in with the eggs, Jennifer then put salsa over it and then some cheese and melted it. Almost everyone in the class enjoyed it. "The deviled eggs were delicious," stated Carly Sansone.

